# MONOMORPHISM OPERATOR AND PERPENDICULAR OPERATOR

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ABSTRACT. For a quiver Q, a k-algebra A, and a full subcategory  $\mathcal{X}$  of A-mod, the monomorphism category  $\operatorname{Mon}(Q,\mathcal{X})$  is introduced. The main result says that if T is an A-module such that there is an exact sequence  $0 \to T_m \to \cdots \to T_0 \to D(A_A) \to 0$  with each  $T_i \in \operatorname{add}(T)$ , then  $\operatorname{Mon}(Q, {}^{\perp}T) = {}^{\perp}(kQ \otimes_k T)$ ; and if T is cotilting, then  $kQ \otimes_k T$  is a unique cotilting  $\Lambda$ -module, up to multiplicities of indecomposable direct summands, such that  $\operatorname{Mon}(Q, {}^{\perp}T) = {}^{\perp}(kQ \otimes_k T)$ .

As applications, the category of the Gorenstein-projective  $(kQ \otimes_k A)$ -modules is characterized as  $\operatorname{Mon}(Q, \mathcal{GP}(A))$  if A is Gorenstein; the contravariantly finiteness of  $\operatorname{Mon}(Q, \mathcal{X})$  can be described; and a sufficient and necessary condition for  $\operatorname{Mon}(Q, A)$  being of finite type is given.

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### 1. Introduction

- 1.1. With a quiver Q and a k-algebra A, one can associate the monomorphism category Mon(Q, A) ([LZ]). If  $Q = \bullet \to \bullet$  it is called the submodule category and denoted by S(A). If  $Q = n \bullet \to \cdots \to \bullet 1$  it is called the filtered chain category in D. Simson [S]; and it is denoted by  $S_n(A)$  in [Z].
- G. Birkhoff [B] initiates the study of  $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{Z}/\langle p^t \rangle)$ . C. M. Ringel and M. Schmidmeier ([RS1] [RS3]) have extensively studied  $\mathcal{S}(A)$ . In particular, the Auslander-Reiten theory of  $\mathcal{S}(A)$  is explicitly given ([RS2]). Since then the monomorphism category receives more attention. In [Z] relations among  $\mathcal{S}_n(A)$  and the Gorenstein-projective modules and cotilting theory are given. D. Kussin, H. Lenzing, and H. Meltzer [KLM1] establish a surprising link between the stable submodule category and the singularity theory via weighted projective lines (see also [KLM2]). In [XZZ] the Auslander-Reiten theory of  $\mathcal{S}(A)$  is extended to  $\mathcal{S}_n(A)$ . For more related works we refer to [A], [RW], [SW], [Mo], [C1], [C2], and [RZ].
- 1.2. Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a full subcategory of A-mod. We also define the monomorphism category  $\operatorname{Mon}(Q,\mathcal{X})$ . For an A-module T, let  ${}^{\perp}T$  be the full subcategory of A-mod consisting of those modules X with  $\operatorname{Ext}_A^i(X,T)=0, \ \forall \ i\geq 1$ . The main result of this paper gives a reciprocity of the monomorphism operator  $\operatorname{Mon}(Q,-)$  and the left perpendicular operator  ${}^{\perp}$ . Namely, if T is an A-module such

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that there is an exact sequence  $0 \to T_m \to \cdots \to T_0 \to D(A_A) \to 0$  with each  $T_i \in \operatorname{add}(T)$ , then  $\operatorname{Mon}(Q, {}^{\perp}T) = {}^{\perp}(kQ \otimes_k T)$  (Theorem 3.1); and if T is a cotilting A-module, then  $kQ \otimes_k T$  is a unique cotilting  $\Lambda$ -module, up to multiplicities of indecomposable direct summands, such that  $\operatorname{Mon}(Q, {}^{\perp}T) = {}^{\perp}(kQ \otimes_k T)$  (Theorem 4.1).

Theorems 3.1 and 4.1 generalize [Z, Theorem 3.1(i) and (ii)] for  $Q = \bullet \to \cdots \to \bullet$ . However, the arguments in [Z] can not be generalized to the general case (cf. 3.1 and 4.1 below). Here we adopt new treatments, in particular by using an adjoint pair (Coker<sub>i</sub>,  $S(i) \otimes -$ ) and Lemma 4.4.

1.3. Our main results have some applications, which generalize the corresponding results in [Z].

The category  $\mathcal{GP}(A)$  of the Gorenstein-projective A-modules is Frobenius (cf. [AB], [AR], [EJ]), and hence the corresponding stable category is triangulated ([H]). If A is Gorenstein (i.e., inj.dim<sub>A</sub> $A < \infty$  and inj.dim $A_A < \infty$ ), then  $\mathcal{GP}(A) = {}^{\perp}A$  ([EJ, Corollary 11.5.3]). Taking  $T = {}_AA$  in Theorem 3.1 we have  $\mathcal{GP}(\Lambda) = \text{Mon}(Q, \mathcal{GP}(A))$  if A is Gorenstein.

M. Auslander and I. Reiten [AR, Theorem 5.5(a)] have established a deep relation between resolving contravariantly finite subcategories and cotilting theory, by asserting that  $\mathcal{X}$  is resolving and contravariantly finite with  $\widehat{\mathcal{X}} = A$ -mod if and only if  $\mathcal{X} = {}^{\perp}T$  for some cotilting A-module T, where  $\widehat{\mathcal{X}}$  is the full subcategory of A-mod consisting of those modules X, such that there is an exact sequence  $0 \to X_m \to \cdots \to X_0 \to X \to 0$  with each  $X_i \in \mathcal{X}$ . It is natural to ask when is  $\operatorname{Mon}(Q, \mathcal{X})$  contravariantly finite in  $\Lambda$ -mod? As an application of Theorem 4.1 and [AR, Theorem 5.5(a)], we see that  $\operatorname{Mon}(Q, \mathcal{X})$  is resolving and contravariantly finite with  $\operatorname{Mon}(Q, \mathcal{X}) = \Lambda$ -mod if and only if  $\mathcal{X}$  is resolving and contravariantly finite with  $\widehat{\mathcal{X}} = A$ -mod (Theorem 5.1).

It is well-known that the representation type of  $\operatorname{Mon}(Q,A)$  is different from the ones of A and of  $\Lambda = kQ \otimes_k A$ . For example,  $k[x]/\langle x^t \rangle$  is of finite type, while  $k(\bullet \to \bullet) \otimes_k k[x]/\langle x^t \rangle$  is of finite type if and only if  $t \leq 3$ , and  $\mathcal{S}_2(k[x]/\langle x^t \rangle)$  is of finite type if and only if  $t \leq 5$ . If t > 6 then  $\mathcal{S}_2(k[x]/\langle x^t \rangle)$  is of "wild" type, while  $\mathcal{S}_2(k[x]/\langle x^6 \rangle)$  is of "tame" type ([S], Theorems 5.2 and 5.5). A complete classification of indecomposable objects of  $\mathcal{S}_2(k[x]/\langle x^6 \rangle)$  is exhibited in [RS3]. Inspired by Auslander's classical result: A is representation-finite if and only if there is an A-generator-cogenerator M such that gl.dim  $\operatorname{End}_A(M) \leq 2$  ([Au], Chapter III), by using Theorem 4.1 we prove that  $\operatorname{Mon}(Q,A)$  is of finite type if and only if there is a generator and relative cogenerator M of  $\operatorname{Mon}(Q,A)$  such that gl.dim  $\operatorname{End}_A(M) \leq 2$  (Theorem 6.1).

# 2. Preliminaries on monomorphism categories

In this section we fix notations, and give necessary definitions and facts.

2.1. Throughout this paper, k is a field, Q is a finite acyclic quiver (i.e., a finite quiver without oriented cycles), and A is a finite-dimensional k-algebra. Denote by kQ the path algebra of Q over k. Put  $\Lambda = kQ \otimes_k A$ , and  $D = \operatorname{Hom}_k(-,k)$ . Let P(i) (resp. I(i)) be the indecomposable projective (resp. injective) kQ-module, and S(i) the simple kQ-module, at  $i \in Q_0$ . By A-mod we denote the category of finite-dimensional left A-modules. For an A-module T, let  $\operatorname{add}(T)$  be the full the subcategory of A-mod consisting of all the direct sums of indecomposable direct summands of T.

2.2. Given a finite acyclic quiver  $Q = (Q_0, Q_1, s, e)$  with  $Q_0$  the set of vertices and  $Q_1$  the set of arrows, we write the conjunction of a path p of Q from right to left, and let s(p) and e(p) be respectively the starting and the ending point of p. The notion of representations of Q over k can be extended as follows. By definition ([LZ]), a representation X of Q over A is a datum  $X = (X_i, X_{\alpha}, i \in Q_0, \alpha \in Q_1)$ , or simply  $X = (X_i, X_{\alpha})$ , where each  $X_i$  is an A-module, and each  $X_{\alpha}: X_{s(\alpha)} \to X_{e(\alpha)}$  is an A-map. It is a finite-dimensional representation if so is each  $X_i$ . We call  $X_i$  the i-th branch of X. A morphism f from X to Y is a datum  $(f_i, i \in Q_0)$ , where  $f_i: X_i \to Y_i$  is an A-map for  $i \in Q_0$ , such that for each arrow  $\alpha: j \to i$  the following diagram

$$X_{j} \xrightarrow{f_{j}} Y_{j}$$

$$X_{\alpha} \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow Y_{\alpha}$$

$$X_{i} \xrightarrow{f_{i}} Y_{i}$$

$$(2.1)$$

commutes. Denote by  $\operatorname{Rep}(Q,A)$  the category of finite-dimensional representations of Q over A. Note that a sequence of morphisms  $0 \longrightarrow X \stackrel{f}{\longrightarrow} Y \stackrel{g}{\longrightarrow} Z \longrightarrow 0$  in  $\operatorname{Rep}(Q,A)$  is exact if and only if  $0 \longrightarrow X_i \stackrel{f_i}{\longrightarrow} Y_i \stackrel{g_i}{\longrightarrow} Z_i \longrightarrow 0$  is exact in A-mod for each  $i \in Q_0$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** ([LZ, Lemma 2.1]) We have an equivalence  $\Lambda$ -mod  $\cong \text{Rep}(Q, A)$  of categories.

In the following we will identify a  $\Lambda$ -module with a representation of Q over A. If  $T \in A$ -mod and  $M \in kQ$ -mod with  $M = (M_i, i \in Q_0, M_\alpha, \alpha \in Q_1) \in \text{Rep}(Q, k)$ , then  $M \otimes_k T \in \Lambda$ -mod with  $M \otimes_k T = (M_i \otimes_k T = T^{\dim_k M_i}, i \in Q_0, M_\alpha \otimes_k \text{Id}_T, \alpha \in Q_1) \in \text{Rep}(Q, A)$ .

2.3. Here is the central notion of this paper.

**Definition 2.2.** (i) ([LZ]) A representation  $X = (X_i, X_\alpha, i \in Q_0, \alpha \in Q_1) \in \text{Rep}(Q, A)$  is a monic representation of Q over A, or a monic  $\Lambda$ -module, if  $\delta_i(X)$  is an injective A-map for each  $i \in Q_0$ , where

$$\delta_i(X) = (X_{\alpha})_{\alpha \in Q_1, \ e(\alpha) = i} : \bigoplus_{\substack{\alpha \in Q_1 \\ e(\alpha) = i}} X_{s(\alpha)} \longrightarrow X_i.$$

Denote by Mon(Q, A) the full subcategory of Rep(Q, A) consisting of all the monic representations of Q over A, which is called the monomorphism category of A over Q.

(ii) Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a full subcategory of A-mod. Denote by  $\operatorname{Mon}(Q,\mathcal{X})$  the full subcategory of  $\operatorname{Mon}(Q,A)$  consisting of all the monic representations  $X=(X_i,X_\alpha)$ , such that  $X_i\in\mathcal{X}$  and  $\operatorname{Coker}\delta_i(X)\in\mathcal{X}$  for all  $i\in Q_0$ . We call  $\operatorname{Mon}(Q,\mathcal{X})$  the monomorphism category of  $\mathcal{X}$  over Q.

If  $\mathcal{X} = A$ -mod then  $\operatorname{Mon}(Q, \mathcal{X}) = \operatorname{Mon}(Q, A)$ . For  $M \in kQ$ -mod and  $T \in A$ -mod, it is clear that if  $M \in \operatorname{Mon}(Q, k)$  then  $M \otimes_k T \in \operatorname{Mon}(Q, A)$ . In particular,  $P(i) \otimes_k T \in \operatorname{Mon}(Q, A)$  for each  $i \in Q_0$ .

Note that  $D(\Lambda_{\Lambda}) \cong D(kQ_{kQ}) \otimes_k D(A_A)$  as left  $\Lambda$ -modules. We need the following fact.

**Lemma 2.3.** ([LZ, Proposition 2.4]) Let  $\operatorname{Ind}\mathcal{P}(A)$  (resp.  $\operatorname{Ind}\mathcal{I}(A)$ ) denote the set of pairwise non-isomorphic indecomposable projective (resp. injective) A-modules. Then

$$\operatorname{Ind}\mathcal{P}(\Lambda) = \{P(i) \otimes_k P \mid i \in Q_0, P \in \operatorname{Ind}\mathcal{P}(A)\} \subseteq \operatorname{Mon}(Q, A),$$

and

$$\operatorname{Ind}\mathcal{I}(\Lambda) = \{I(i) \otimes_k I \mid i \in Q_0, I \in \operatorname{Ind}\mathcal{I}(A)\}.$$

In particular, for  $M \in kQ$ -mod we have  $\operatorname{proj.dim}(M \otimes_k A) \leq 1$ , and  $\operatorname{inj.dim}(M \otimes_k D(A_A)) \leq 1$ .

2.4. Given  $X = (X_j, X_\alpha) \in \Lambda$ -mod, for each  $i \in Q_0$  we have functors  $F_i$  and  $F_i^+$  from  $\Lambda$ -mod to A-mod, respectively induced by  $F_i(X) = X_i$  and  $F_i^+(X) := \bigoplus_{\substack{\alpha \in Q_1 \\ e(\alpha) = i}} X_{s(\alpha)}$  (if i is a source then

$$F_i^+(X) := 0$$
.

We write  $\operatorname{Coker} \delta_i(X)$  (cf. Definition 2.2 (i)) as  $\operatorname{Coker}_i(X)$ . Then we have a functor  $\operatorname{Coker}_i: \Lambda$ -mod  $\longrightarrow A$ -mod, explicitly given by  $\operatorname{Coker}_i(X) := X_i / \sum_{\substack{\alpha \in Q_1 \\ e(\alpha) = i}} \operatorname{Im} X_\alpha$  (if i is a source then

 $\operatorname{Coker}_i(X) := X_i$ ). So we have an exact sequence of functors  $F_i^+ \xrightarrow{\delta_i} F_i \xrightarrow{\pi_i} \operatorname{Coker}_i \longrightarrow 0$ , i.e., we have the exact sequence of A-modules

$$\bigoplus_{\substack{\alpha \in Q_1 \\ e(\alpha) = i}} X_{s(\alpha)} \stackrel{\delta_i(X)}{\longrightarrow} X_i \stackrel{\pi_i(X)}{\longrightarrow} \operatorname{Coker}_i(X) \longrightarrow 0$$

for each  $X \in \Lambda$ -mod, where  $\pi_i(X)$  is the canonical map. It is clear that  $F_i^+$  and  $F_i$  are exact, and Coker<sub>i</sub> is right exact (by Snake Lemma). For  $i, j \in Q_0$  and  $T \in A$ -mod, we have

$$\operatorname{Coker}_{i}(P(j) \otimes_{k} T) = \begin{cases} T, & \text{if } j = i; \\ 0, & \text{if } j \neq i. \end{cases}$$
 (2.2)

**Lemma 2.4.** For each  $i \in Q_0$ , the restriction of functor  $\operatorname{Coker}_i$  to  $\operatorname{Mon}(Q, A)$  is exact.

**Proof.** Let  $0 \to (X_i, X_\alpha) \to (Y_i, Y_\alpha) \to (Z_i, Z_\alpha) \to 0$  be an exact sequence in Mon(Q, A). Then we have the following commutative diagram with exact rows

$$0 \longrightarrow \bigoplus X_{s(\alpha)} \longrightarrow \bigoplus Y_{s(\alpha)} \longrightarrow \bigoplus Z_{s(\alpha)} \longrightarrow 0$$

$$\downarrow \delta_i(X) \qquad \qquad \downarrow \delta_i(Y) \qquad \qquad \downarrow \delta_i(Z)$$

$$0 \longrightarrow X_i \longrightarrow Y_i \longrightarrow Z_i \longrightarrow 0.$$

Then the assertion follows from Snake Lemma since  $\delta_i(Z)$  is injective.

Recall from [AR] that  $\mathcal{X}$  is resolving if  $\mathcal{X}$  contains all the projective A-modules,  $\mathcal{X}$  is closed under taking extensions, kernels of epimorphisms, and direct summands. Dually one has a coresolving subcategory.

**Lemma 2.5.** Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a full subcategory of A-mod. Then

- (i)  $Mon(Q, \mathcal{X})$  is closed under taking extensions (resp. kernels of epimorphisms, direct summands) if and only if  $\mathcal{X}$  is closed under taking extensions (resp. kernels of epimorphisms, direct summands).
  - (ii)  $\operatorname{Mon}(Q,\mathcal{X})$  is resolving if and only if  $\mathcal{X}$  is resolving. In particular,  $\operatorname{Mon}(Q,A)$  is resolving.

**Proof.** (i) can be similarly proved as Lemma 2.4. For (ii), by Lemma 2.3 the branches of projective Λ-modules are projective Λ-modules. From this and (i) the assertion follows.

## 3. Reciprocity

3.1. This section is to prove the following reciprocity of the monomorphism operator and the left perpendicular operator.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let T be an A-module such that there is an exact sequence  $0 \to T_m \to \cdots \to T_0 \to D(A_A) \to 0$  with each  $T_j \in \operatorname{add}(T)$ , then  $\operatorname{Mon}(Q, \perp T) = \perp (kQ \otimes_k T)$ .

For  $Q = \bullet \to \cdots \to \bullet$  this result has been obtained in [Z, Theorem 3.1(i)]. Since some adjoint pairs in [Z, Lemma 1.2] are not available here, the arguments in [Z] can not be generalized to the general case. Here we adopt the following adjoint pair (Coker<sub>i</sub>,  $S(i) \otimes -$ ).

3.2. The following observation will be used throughout this section.

**Lemma 3.2.** Let  $X = (X_i, X_\alpha) \in \Lambda$ -mod and  $T \in A$ -mod. Then for each  $i \in Q_0$  we have an isomorphism of abelian groups which is natural in both positions

$$\operatorname{Hom}_A(\operatorname{Coker}_i(X), T) \cong \operatorname{Hom}_\Lambda(X, S(i) \otimes_k T).$$

**Proof.** If we write  $S(i) \otimes_k T \in \Lambda$ -mod as  $(Y_j, Y_\alpha)$ , then  $Y_j = 0$  for  $j \neq i$  and  $Y_i = T$ . Consider the homomorphism  $\Psi : \operatorname{Hom}_A(\operatorname{Coker}_i(X), T) \to \operatorname{Hom}_\Lambda(X, S(i) \otimes_k T)$  given by

$$f \mapsto \Psi(f) = (g_i, j \in Q_0) : X \to S(i) \otimes_k T, \forall f \in \operatorname{Hom}_A(\operatorname{Coker}_i(X), T),$$

where  $g_j = 0$  for  $j \neq i$ , and  $g_i = f \pi_i(X) : X_i \to T$  with the canonical map  $\pi_i(X) : X_i \to \operatorname{Coker}_i(X)$ . By (2.1) it is clear that  $\Psi(f) \in \operatorname{Hom}_{\Lambda}(X, S(i) \otimes_k T)$  and  $\Psi$  is surjective. It is injective since  $\pi_i(X)$  is surjective.

3.3. We need the following fact.

**Lemma 3.3.** Let T be an A-module. For each  $i \in Q_0$  we have  $^{\perp}(kQ \otimes_k T) = ^{\perp}(\bigoplus_{i \in Q_0} (S(i) \otimes_k T))$ .

**Proof.** Put  $S = \bigoplus_{i \in Q_0} S(i)$ , and J to be the Jacobson radical of kQ with  $J^l = 0$ . Let  $X \in {}^{\perp}(kQ \otimes T)$ . By the exact sequence  $0 \to J \otimes_k T \to kQ \otimes_k T \to S \otimes_k T \to 0$  we get the exact sequence:

$$\cdots \to \operatorname{Ext}_{\Lambda}^{j}(X, kQ \otimes_{k} T) \to \operatorname{Ext}_{\Lambda}^{j}(X, S \otimes_{k} T) \to \operatorname{Ext}_{\Lambda}^{j+1}(X, J \otimes_{k} T) \to \cdots$$

Since kQ is hereditary,  $J \in \operatorname{add}(kQ)$  and hence  $\operatorname{Ext}_{\Lambda}^{j}(X, J \otimes_{k} T) = 0, \ \forall \ j \geq 1$ . Thus  $X \in {}^{\perp}(S \otimes_{k} T)$ .

Conversely, let  $X \in {}^{\perp}(S \otimes_k T)$ . From the exact sequence  $0 \to J^{l-1} \otimes_k T \to J^{l-2} \otimes_k T \to (J^{l-2}/J^{l-1}) \otimes_k T \to 0$  and by  $J^{l-1} \otimes_k T$ ,  $J^{l-2}/J^{l-1} \otimes_k T \in \operatorname{add}(S \otimes_k T)$  we see  $X \in {}^{\perp}(J^{l-2} \otimes_k T)$ . Continuing this process we finally see  $X \in {}^{\perp}(J^0 \otimes_k T) = {}^{\perp}(kQ \otimes_k T)$ .

**Proposition 3.4.** We have  $Mon(Q, A) = {}^{\perp}(kQ \otimes_k D(A_A)).$ 

**Proof.** By Lemma 3.3 it suffices to prove the following equality, for each  $i \in Q_0$ :

$$^{\perp}(S(i) \otimes_k D(A_A)) = \{X = (X_i, X_\alpha) \in \operatorname{Rep}(Q, A) \mid \delta_i(X) \text{ is injective}\}.$$

Let  $P_X$  be the projective cover of X. Applying functor  $F_i^+$  and  $F_i$  to the exact sequence  $0 \to \Omega(X) \to P_X \to X \to 0$  we get the following commutative diagram with exact rows

$$0 \longrightarrow F_i^+(\Omega(X)) \longrightarrow F_i^+(P_X) \longrightarrow F_i^+(X) \longrightarrow 0$$

$$\downarrow \delta_i(\Omega(X)) \qquad \qquad \downarrow \delta_i(P_X) \qquad \qquad \downarrow \delta_i(X)$$

$$0 \longrightarrow F_i(\Omega(X)) \longrightarrow F_i(P_X) \longrightarrow F_i(X) \longrightarrow 0.$$

By Snake Lemma we have the exact sequence

$$0 \to \operatorname{Ker} \delta_i(X) \to \operatorname{Coker}_i(\Omega(X)) \to \operatorname{Coker}_i(P_X) \to \operatorname{Coker}_i(X) \to 0. \tag{*}$$

Assume that  $\delta_i(X)$  is injective. Applying  $\operatorname{Hom}_A(-, D(A_A))$  to (\*) and by Lemma 3.2 we get the following exact sequence (with Hom omitted)

$$0 \to (X, S(i) \otimes_k D(A_A)) \to (P_X, S(i) \otimes_k D(A_A)) \to (\Omega(X), S(i) \otimes_k D(A_A)) \to 0. \tag{**}$$

Applying  $\operatorname{Hom}_{\Lambda}(-, S(i) \otimes_k D(A_A))$  to  $0 \to \Omega(X) \to P_X \to X \to 0$  we get the exact sequence

$$0 \to (X, S(i) \otimes D(A_A)) \to (P_X, S(i) \otimes D(A)) \to (\Omega(X), S(i) \otimes D(A)) \to \operatorname{Ext}^1_{\Lambda}(X, S(i) \otimes D(A)) \to 0.$$

Comparing it with (\*\*) we see  $\operatorname{Ext}_{\Lambda}^{1}(X, S(i) \otimes_{k} D(A_{A})) = 0$ . By Lemma 2.3 we have inj.dim $(S(i) \otimes_{k} D(A_{A})) \leq 1$ , so  $X \in {}^{\perp}(S(i) \otimes_{k} D(A_{A}))$ .

Conversely, assume  $X \in {}^{\perp}(S(i) \otimes_k D(A_A))$ . Applying  $\operatorname{Hom}_{\Lambda}(-, S(i) \otimes_k D(A_A))$  to  $0 \to \Omega(X) \to P_X \to X \to 0$  and using Lemma 3.2, we get the following exact sequence

$$0 \to (\operatorname{Coker}_i(X), D(A_A)) \to (\operatorname{Coker}_i(P_X), D(A_A)) \to (\operatorname{Coker}_i(\Omega(X)), D(A_A)) \to 0,$$

i.e.,  $0 \to \operatorname{Coker}_i(X) \to \operatorname{Coker}_i(P(X)) \to \operatorname{Coker}_i(\Omega(X)) \to 0$  is exact. Comparing it with (\*) we see  $\operatorname{Ker} \delta_i(X) = 0$ .

3.4. Replacing  $D(A_A)$  in Proposition 3.4 by an arbitrary A-module T, we have

**Proposition 3.5.** Let T be an A-module. Then  $Mon(Q, {}^{\perp}T) = {}^{\perp}(kQ \otimes_k T) \cap Mon(Q, A)$ .

**Proof.** We first prove that for each  $i \in Q_0$  there holds the following equality

$${}^{\perp}(S(i) \otimes_k T) \cap \operatorname{Mon}(Q, A) = \{ X = (X_j, X_{\alpha}) \in \operatorname{Rep}(Q, A) \mid \operatorname{Coker}_i(X) \in {}^{\perp}T,$$

$$\delta_j(X) \text{ is injective for all } j \in Q_0 \}.$$
(3.1)

Let  $X \in \operatorname{Mon}(Q, A)$  with a projective resolution  $\cdots \to P^1 \to P^0 \to X \to 0$ . Since each  $P^i$  is in  $\operatorname{Mon}(Q, A)$  (cf. Lemma 2.3) and  $\operatorname{Mon}(Q, A)$  is closed under taking the kernels of epimorphisms (cf. Lemma 2.5), it follows from Lemma 2.4 that we have the exact sequence

$$\cdots \to \operatorname{Coker}_i(P^1) \to \operatorname{Coker}_i(P^0) \to \operatorname{Coker}_i(X) \to 0.$$

We claim it is a projective resolution of  $\operatorname{Coker}_{i}(X)$ . In fact, by (2.2) we have

$$\operatorname{Coker}_{i}(P(j) \otimes_{k} T) = \begin{cases} T, & \text{if } j = i; \\ 0, & \text{if } j \neq i. \end{cases}$$

So  $\operatorname{Coker}_i(kQ \otimes_k T) = T$  and  $\operatorname{Coker}_i(kQ \otimes_k A) = A$ . Thus  $\operatorname{Coker}_i(P^j)$  is a projective A-module since  $P^j \in \operatorname{add}(kQ \otimes_k A)$ .

Applying  $\operatorname{Hom}(-, S(i) \otimes_k T)$  to  $\cdots \to P^1 \to P^0 \to X \to 0$ , by Lemma 3.2 we have the following commutative diagram

$$0 \longrightarrow (X, S(i) \otimes_k T) \longrightarrow (P^0, S(i) \otimes_k T) \longrightarrow (P^1, S(i) \otimes_k T) \longrightarrow \cdots$$

$$\downarrow^{\wr} \qquad \qquad \downarrow^{\wr} \qquad \qquad \downarrow^{\wr}$$

$$0 \longrightarrow (\operatorname{Coker}_i(X), T) \longrightarrow (\operatorname{Coker}_i(P^0), T) \longrightarrow (\operatorname{Coker}_i(P^1), T) \longrightarrow \cdots$$

Note that  $X \in {}^{\perp}(S(i) \otimes_k T)$  if and only if the upper row is exact, if and only if the lower one is exact, if and only if  $\operatorname{Coker}_i(X) \in {}^{\perp}T$ . This proves (3.1).

Now, assume that  $X \in \text{Mon}(Q, {}^{\perp}T)$ . By definition and (3.1) we know  $X \in {}^{\perp}(S(i) \otimes_k T) \cap \text{Mon}(Q, A)$  for each  $i \in Q_0$ . By Lemma 3.3 we know  $X \in {}^{\perp}(kQ \otimes_k T)$  and hence  $X \in {}^{\perp}(kQ \otimes_k T) \cap \text{Mon}(Q, A)$ .

Conversely, assume that  $X \in {}^{\perp}(kQ \otimes_k T) \cap \operatorname{Mon}(Q, A)$ . By Lemma 3.3  $X \in {}^{\perp}(S(i) \otimes_k T) \cap \operatorname{Mon}(Q, A)$  for each  $i \in Q_0$ . To see  $X \in \operatorname{Mon}(Q, {}^{\perp}T)$ , by (3.1) it remains to prove  $X_i \in {}^{\perp}T$  for each  $i \in Q_0$ . For each  $i \in Q_0$ , set  $l_i = 0$  if i is a source, and  $l_i = \max\{\ l(p) \mid p \text{ is a path with } e(p) = i\}$  if otherwise, where l(p) is the length of p. We prove  $X_i \in {}^{\perp}T$  by using induction on  $l_i$ . If  $l_i = 0$ , then i is a source and  $X_i = \operatorname{Coker}_i(X) \in {}^{\perp}T$ . Let  $l_i \neq 0$ . Then we have the exact sequence  $0 \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{\substack{\alpha \in Q_1 \\ e(\alpha) = i}} X_{s(\alpha)} \longrightarrow X_i \longrightarrow \operatorname{Coker}_i(X) \longrightarrow 0$  with  $\operatorname{Coker}_i(X) \in {}^{\perp}T$ . Since  $l_{s(\alpha)} < l_i$  for  $\alpha \in Q_1$ 

and  $e(\alpha) = i$ , by induction  $X_{s(\alpha)} \in {}^{\perp}T$ , and hence  $X_i \in {}^{\perp}T$ . This completes the proof.

- 3.5. **Proof of Theorem 3.1.** By Proposition 3.5 it suffices to prove  $^{\perp}(kQ \otimes_k T) \subseteq \operatorname{Mon}(Q, A)$ . By Proposition 3.4 it suffices to prove  $^{\perp}(kQ \otimes_k T) \subseteq ^{\perp}(kQ \otimes_k D(A_A))$ . Let  $X \in ^{\perp}(kQ \otimes_k T)$ . By assumption we have an exact sequence  $0 \longrightarrow kQ \otimes_k T_m \longrightarrow \cdots \longrightarrow kQ \otimes_k T_0 \longrightarrow kQ \otimes_k D(A_A) \longrightarrow 0$  with each  $kQ \otimes_k T_j \in \operatorname{add}(kQ \otimes_k T)$ . From this we see the assertion.
- 3.6. Let  $\mathcal{GP}(A)$  denote the category of the Gorenstein-projective A-modules. If A is Gorenstein (i.e., inj.dim<sub>A</sub>  $A < \infty$  and inj.dim<sub>A</sub>  $A < \infty$ ), then  $\mathcal{GP}(A) = {}^{\perp}A$  ([EJ, Corollary 11.5.3]). Note that if A is Gorenstein then so is  $\Lambda$ . Taking  $T = {}_{A}A$  in Theorem 3.1 we have

Corollary 3.6. Let A be a Gorenstein algebra. Then  $\mathcal{GP}(\Lambda) = \text{Mon}(Q, \mathcal{GP}(A))$ .

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### 4. Monomorphism categories and cotilting theory

4.1. The aim of this section is to prove the following

**Theorem 4.1.** Let T be a cotilting A-module. Then  $kQ \otimes_k T$  is a unique cotilting  $\Lambda$ -module, up to multiplicities of indecomposable direct summands, such that  $Mon(Q, {}^{\perp}T) = {}^{\perp}(kQ \otimes_k T)$ .

For  $Q = \bullet \to \cdots \to \bullet$  this result has been obtained in [Z, Theorem 3.1(ii)]. We stress that the proof in [Z] can not be generalized to the general case. Here we need to use Lemma 4.4 below, rather than a concrete construction in [Z, Lemma 3.7].

- 4.2. Recall that an A-module T is an r-cotilting module ([HR], [AR], [H], [Mi]) if the following conditions are satisfied:
  - (i)  $\inf_{x \in T} \dim T \leq r$ ;
  - (ii)  $\operatorname{Ext}_{A}^{i}(T,T) = 0 \text{ for } i \geq 1;$
  - (iii) there is an exact sequence  $0 \to T_m \to \cdots \to T_0 \to D(A_A) \to 0$  with each  $T_i \in \text{add}(T)$ .

For short, by  $\mathbf{m}_i$  we denote the functor  $P(i) \otimes_k - : A\text{-mod} \to \operatorname{Mon}(Q, A)$ , and by  $\mathbf{m}$  we denote the functor  $kQ \otimes_k - : A\text{-mod} \to \operatorname{Mon}(Q, A)$ . Then  $\mathbf{m}(T) = \bigoplus_{i \in Q_0} \mathbf{m}_i(T) = kQ \otimes_k T, \ \forall \ T \in A\text{-mod}$ .

**Lemma 4.2.** ([LZ, Lemma 2.3]) We have adjoint pair  $(\mathbf{m}_i, F_i)$  for each  $i \in Q_0$ , where functor  $F_i$  is defined in 2.4.

We also need the following fact.

**Lemma 4.3.** Let  $X = (X_j, X_\alpha) \in \Lambda$ -mod and  $T \in A$ -mod. Then we have an isomorphism of abelian groups for each  $i \in Q_0$ , which is natural in both positions

$$\operatorname{Ext}_{\Lambda}^{s}(\mathbf{m}_{i}(T), X) \cong \operatorname{Ext}_{\Lambda}^{s}(T, X_{i}), \quad \forall \ s \geq 0.$$

**Proof.** The proof is same as in [Z, Lemma 3.4] for  $Q = \bullet \to \cdots \to \bullet$ . For completeness we include a justification. Taking the *i*-th branch of an injective resolution  $0 \to X \to I^0 \to I^1 \to \cdots$  of  ${}_{\Lambda}X$ , by Lemma 2.3  $0 \to X_i \to I_i^0 \to I_i^1 \to \cdots$  is an injective resolution of  ${}_{A}X_i$ . On the other hand by Lemma 4.2 we have the following commutative diagram

$$0 \longrightarrow \operatorname{Hom}_{\Lambda}(\mathbf{m}_{i}(T), X) \longrightarrow \operatorname{Hom}_{\Lambda}(\mathbf{m}_{i}(T), I^{0}) \longrightarrow \operatorname{Hom}_{\Lambda}(\mathbf{m}_{i}(T), I^{1}) \longrightarrow \cdots$$

$$\downarrow^{\wr} \qquad \qquad \downarrow^{\wr} \qquad \qquad \downarrow^{\wr}$$

$$0 \longrightarrow \operatorname{Hom}_{A}(T, X_{i}) \longrightarrow \operatorname{Hom}_{A}(T, I_{i}^{0}) \longrightarrow \operatorname{Hom}_{A}(T, I_{i}^{1}) \longrightarrow \cdots,$$
from this we see the assertion.

4.3. Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a full subcategory of A-mod. Following [AR] let  $\widehat{\mathcal{X}}$  denote the full subcategory of A-mod consisting of those A-modules X such that there is an exact sequence  $0 \to X_m \to X_{m-1} \to \cdots \to X_0 \to X \to 0$  with each  $X_i \in \mathcal{X}$ . Recall that  $\mathcal{X}$  is self-orthogonal if  $\operatorname{Ext}_A^s(M,N) = 0$ ,  $\forall M, N \in \mathcal{X}, \forall s \geq 1$ . In this case  $\widehat{\mathcal{X}} \subseteq \mathcal{X}^{\perp}$ , where  $\mathcal{X}^{\perp} = \{X \in A\text{-mod} \mid \operatorname{Ext}_A^i(M,X) = 0, \forall M \in \mathcal{X}, \forall i \geq 1\}$ .

The following fact is of independent interest. It is a key step in the proof of Theorem 4.1.

**Lemma 4.4.** Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a self-orthogonal full subcategory of A-mod. Then

- (i)  $\widehat{\mathcal{X}}$  is closed under taking cokernels of monomorphisms.
- (ii)  $\widehat{\mathcal{X}}$  is closed under taking extensions.
- (iii) If  $\mathcal{X}$  is closed under taking kernels of epimorphisms, then so is  $\widehat{\mathcal{X}}$ .

**Proof.** (i) Let  $0 \to X \xrightarrow{f} Y \to Z \to 0$  be an exact sequence with  $X, Y \in \widehat{\mathcal{X}}$ . By definition there exist exact sequences  $0 \to X_n \to X_{n-1} \to \cdots \to X_0 \xrightarrow{c_0} X \to 0$ , and  $0 \to Y_n \to Y_{n-1} \to \cdots \to Y_0 \xrightarrow{d_0} Y \to 0$  with  $X_i, Y_i \in \mathcal{X} \cup \{0\}, 0 \le i \le n$ . Since  $\mathcal{X}$  is self-orthogonal,  $f: X \to Y$  induces a chain map  $f^{\bullet}: X^{\bullet} \to Y^{\bullet}$ , where  $X^{\bullet}$  is the complex  $0 \to X_n \to X_{n-1} \to \cdots \to X_0 \to 0$ , and similarly for  $Y^{\bullet}$ . Consider the following commutative diagram in the bounded derived category  $D^b(A)$ , with two rows being distinguished triangles

$$X^{\bullet} \xrightarrow{f^{\bullet}} Y^{\bullet} \longrightarrow \operatorname{Con}(f^{\bullet}) \longrightarrow X^{\bullet}[1]$$

$$\downarrow c_{0} \qquad \downarrow d_{0} \qquad \qquad \downarrow$$

$$X \longrightarrow Y \longrightarrow Z \longrightarrow X[1]$$

(note that the lower row is also a distinguished triangle since  $0 \to X \xrightarrow{f} Y \to Z \to 0$  is exact), where  $\operatorname{Con}(f^{\bullet})$  is the mapping cone  $0 \to X_n \to X_{n-1} \oplus Y_n \to \cdots \to X_0 \oplus Y_1 \xrightarrow{\partial} Y_0 \to 0$ . Since  $c_0$  and  $d_0$  are isomorphisms in  $D^b(A)$ , we have  $Z \cong \operatorname{Con}(f^{\bullet})$  in  $D^b(A)$ . It follows that the *i*-th cohomology group of  $\operatorname{Con}(f^{\bullet})$  is isomorphic to the *i*-th cohomology group of the stalk complex Z for each  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ . In particular  $\operatorname{Con}(f^{\bullet})$  is exact except at the 0-th position, and  $Y_0/\operatorname{Im}\partial \cong Z$ . Thus

$$0 \to X_n \to X_{n-1} \oplus Y_n \to \cdots \to X_0 \oplus Y_1 \xrightarrow{\partial} Y_0 \to Z \to 0$$

is exact. This proves  $Z \in \widehat{\mathcal{X}}$ .

(iii) can be similarly proved, and (ii) can be proved by a version of Horse-shoe Lemma. We omit the details. (Only (i) will be needed in the proof of Theorem 4.1.)

**Lemma 4.5.** Let T be an r-cotilting A-module. Then  $kQ \otimes_k T$  is an (r+1)-cotilting  $\Lambda$ -module with  $\operatorname{End}_{\Lambda}(kQ \otimes_k T) \cong (kQ \otimes_k \operatorname{End}_{\Lambda}(T))^{op}$ .

**Proof.** Let  $0 \to T \to I_0 \to \cdots \to I_r \to 0$  be a minimal injective resolution of T. Then we have the exact sequence  $0 \to kQ \otimes_k T \to kQ \otimes_k I_0 \to \cdots \to kQ \otimes_k I_r \to 0$ . By Lemma 2.3 inj.dim $(kQ \otimes_k I_j) \leq 1$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq r$ , it follows that inj.dim $(kQ \otimes_k T) \leq r + 1$ .

Since the branch  $(kQ \otimes_k T)_i$  is a direct sum of copies of T, by Lemma 4.3 we have

$$\operatorname{Ext}_{\Lambda}^{s}(kQ \otimes_{k} T, kQ \otimes_{k} T) = \bigoplus_{i \in Q_{0}} \operatorname{Ext}_{\Lambda}^{s}(\mathbf{m}_{i}(T), kQ \otimes_{k} T)$$

$$\cong \bigoplus_{i \in Q_{0}} \operatorname{Ext}_{A}^{s}(T, (kQ \otimes_{k} T)_{i}) = 0, \quad \forall \ s \geq 1.$$

Now, put  $\mathcal{X} = \operatorname{add}(kQ \otimes_k T)$ . To see that  $kQ \otimes_k T$  is a cotilting  $\Lambda$ -module, it remains to claim  $D(\Lambda_{\Lambda}) \in \widehat{\mathcal{X}}$ , i.e.,  $D(kQ_{kQ}) \otimes_k D(A_A) \in \widehat{\mathcal{X}}$ . In fact, since proj.dim  $D(kQ_{kQ}) = 1$ , we have an

exact sequence  $0 \to P_1 \to P_0 \to D(kQ_{kQ}) \to 0$  with  $P_0, P_1$  being projective kQ-modules. So we have the exact sequence  $0 \to P_1 \otimes_k D(A_A) \to P_0 \otimes_k D(A_A) \to D(kQ_{kQ}) \otimes_k D(A_A) \to 0$ . Since T is a cotilting A-module, we have an exact sequence  $0 \to T_m \to \cdots \to T_0 \to D(A_A) \to 0$  with each  $T_j \in \operatorname{add}(T)$ . So we have the exact sequence  $0 \to P_i \otimes_k T_m \to \cdots \to P_i \otimes_k T_0 \to P_i \otimes_k D(A_A) \to 0$ , where i = 0, 1, with each  $P_i \otimes T_j \in \operatorname{add}(kQ \otimes_k T)$ . Thus  $P_0 \otimes_k D(A_A) \in \widehat{\mathcal{X}}$  and  $P_1 \otimes_k D(A_A) \in \widehat{\mathcal{X}}$ . By Lemma 4.4(i) we have  $D(kQ_{kQ}) \otimes_k D(A_A) \in \widehat{\mathcal{X}}$ .

Finally, by Lemma 4.2 we have

$$\operatorname{Hom}_{\Lambda}(\mathbf{m}_{i}(T), \mathbf{m}_{j}(T)) \cong \operatorname{Hom}_{A}(T, (\mathbf{m}_{j}(T))_{i}) = (\operatorname{End}_{A}(T))^{m_{ji}},$$

where  $m_{ji}$  is the number of paths of Q from j to i. Thus one can easily see that there is an algebra isomorphism

$$\operatorname{End}_{\Lambda}(kQ \otimes_k T) \cong \bigoplus_{i,j \in Q_0} \operatorname{Hom}_{\Lambda}(\mathbf{m}_i(T),\mathbf{m}_j(T)) \cong (kQ \otimes_k \operatorname{End}_A(T))^{op}.$$

(In fact, if we label the vertices of Q as  $1, \dots, n$ , such that if there is an arrow from j to i then j > i. Then

$$kQ \cong \begin{pmatrix} k & k^{m_{21}} & k^{m_{31}} & \dots & k^{m_{n1}} \\ 0 & k & k^{m_{32}} & \dots & k^{m_{n2}} \\ 0 & 0 & k & \dots & k^{m_{n3}} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & k \end{pmatrix}_{n \times n},$$

and hence

$$kQ \otimes_k \operatorname{End}_A(T) \cong \begin{pmatrix} \operatorname{End}_A(T) & \operatorname{End}_A(T)^{m_{21}} & \operatorname{End}_A(T)^{m_{31}} & \cdots & \operatorname{End}_A(T)^{m_{n1}} \\ 0 & \operatorname{End}_A(T) & \operatorname{End}_A(T)^{m_{32}} & \cdots & \operatorname{End}_A(T)^{m_{n2}} \\ 0 & 0 & \operatorname{End}_A(T) & \cdots & \operatorname{End}_A(T)^{m_{n3}} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & \operatorname{End}_A(T) \end{pmatrix} .)$$

This completes the proof.

4.4. **Proof of Theorem 4.1.** By Lemma 4.5  $kQ \otimes_k T$  is a cotilting  $\Lambda$ -module, and by Theorem 3.1  $\text{Mon}(Q, {}^{\perp}T) = {}^{\perp}(kQ \otimes_k T)$ .

If L is another cotilting  $\Lambda$ -module such that  $^{\perp}L = \text{Mon}(Q, ^{\perp}T) = ^{\perp}(kQ \otimes_k T)$ , then

$$\operatorname{Ext}_{\Lambda}^{s}((kQ \otimes_{k} T) \oplus L, (kQ \otimes_{k} T) \oplus L) = 0, \ \forall \ s \geq 1,$$

so  $(kQ \otimes_k T) \oplus L$  is also a cotilting  $\Lambda$ -module. By [H] the number of pairwise non-isomorphic direct summands of  $(kQ \otimes_k T) \oplus L$  is equal to the one of  $kQ \otimes_k T$ , from which the proof is completed.

# 5. Contravariantly finiteness of monomorphism categories

5.1. Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a full subcategory of A-mod and  $M \in A$ -mod. Recall from [AR] that a right  $\mathcal{X}$ -approximation of M is an A-map  $f: X \longrightarrow M$  with  $X \in \mathcal{X}$ , such that the induced homomorphism  $\operatorname{Hom}_A(X',X) \longrightarrow \operatorname{Hom}_A(X',M)$  is surjective for  $X' \in \mathcal{X}$ . If every A-module M admits a right  $\mathcal{X}$ -approximation, then  $\mathcal{X}$  is contravariantly finite in A-mod. Dually one has the concept of a covariantly finite subcategory. If  $\mathcal{X}$  is both contravariantly and covariantly finite, then  $\mathcal{X}$  is functorially finite in A-mod. Due to H. Krause and  $\emptyset$ . Solberg [KS, Corollary 0.3], a resolving

contravariantly finite subcategory is functorially finite, and a coresolving covariantly finite subcategory is functorially finite. Due to M. Auslander and S. O. Smalø [AS, Theorem 2.4], a functorially finite subcategory which is closed under taking extensions has Auslander-Reiten sequences.

5.2. Auslander-Reiten [AR, Theorem 5.5(a)] claim that  $\mathcal{X}$  is resolving and contravariantly finite with  $\widehat{\mathcal{X}} = A$ -mod if and only if  $\mathcal{X} = {}^{\perp}T$  for some cotilting A-module T, where  $\widehat{\mathcal{X}}$  is defined in 4.3.

As an application of Theorem 4.1 and [AR, Theorem 5.5(a)], we have

**Theorem 5.1.** Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a full subcategory of A-mod. Then  $\operatorname{Mon}(Q, \mathcal{X})$  is a resolving contravariantly finite subcategory in  $\Lambda$ -mod with  $\widehat{\operatorname{Mon}(Q, \mathcal{X})} = \Lambda$ -mod if and only if  $\mathcal{X}$  is a resolving contravariantly finite subcategory in A-mod with  $\widehat{\mathcal{X}} = A$ -mod.

In particular, Mon(Q, A) is functorially finite in Rep(Q, A), and Mon(Q, A) has Auslander-Reiten sequences.

**Proof.** If  $\mathcal{X}$  is resolving and contravariantly finite with  $\widehat{\mathcal{X}} = A$ -mod, then by [AR, Theorem 5.5(a)] there is a cotilting module T such that  $\mathcal{X} = {}^{\perp}T$ . By Theorem 4.1  $kQ \otimes_k T$  is a cotilting  $\Lambda$ -module and  $\operatorname{Mon}(Q,\mathcal{X}) = \operatorname{Mon}(Q, {}^{\perp}T) = {}^{\perp}(kQ \otimes_k T)$ , again by [AR, Theorem 5.5(a)] we know that  $\operatorname{Mon}(Q,\mathcal{X})$  is resolving and contravariantly finite with  $\operatorname{Mon}(Q,\mathcal{X}) = \Lambda$ -mod.

Conversely, assume that  $\operatorname{Mon}(Q, \mathcal{X})$  is resolving and contravariantly finite with  $\operatorname{Mon}(Q, \mathcal{X}) = \Lambda$ mod. By Lemma 2.5  $\mathcal{X}$  is resolving. To see that  $\mathcal{X}$  is contravariantly finite, we take a sink in  $Q_0$ ,
say vertex 1, and consider functor  $\mathbf{m}_1 : A\operatorname{-mod} \to \operatorname{Mon}(Q, A)$  (cf. 4.2). For  $M \in A\operatorname{-mod}$ , since 1 is
a sink,  $\mathbf{m}_1(M)$  has only one non-zero branch and its 1-st branch is just M. Let  $f: X \longrightarrow \mathbf{m}_1(M)$ be a right  $\operatorname{Mon}(Q, \mathcal{X})$ -approximation. Then  $f_1: X_1 \longrightarrow M$  is a right  $\mathcal{X}$ -approximation (one can
easily see this, for example, by Lemma 4.2. We omit the details). By the same argument we see  $\widehat{\mathcal{X}} = A\operatorname{-mod}$  since  $\operatorname{Mon}(Q, \mathcal{X}) = \Lambda\operatorname{-mod}$ . This completes the proof.

# 6. Finiteness of monomorphism categories

As an application of Theorem 4.1 and Auslander's classical idea [Au, Chapter III], we describe the monomorphism categories which are of finite type.

6.1. An additive full subcategory  $\mathcal{X}$  of A-mod, which is closed under direct summands, is of finite type if there are only finitely many isomorphism class of indecomposable A-modules in  $\mathcal{X}$ .

An A-module M is an A-generator if each projective A-module is in  $\operatorname{add}(M)$ . A  $\Lambda$ -generator M is a generator and relative cogenerator of  $\operatorname{Mon}(Q,A)$  if  $M \in \operatorname{Mon}(Q,A)$  and  $kQ \otimes_k D(A_A) \in \operatorname{add}(M)$ .

**Theorem 6.1.** Mon(Q, A) if of finite type if and only if there is a generator and relative cogenerator M of Mon(Q, A) such that  $\operatorname{gl.dim} \operatorname{End}_{\Lambda}(M) \leq 2$ .

6.2. Let M be a  $\Lambda$ -module. For an arbitrary  $\Lambda$ -module X, denote by  $\Omega_M(X)$  the kernel of a minimal right  $\operatorname{add}(M)$ -approximation  $M' \longrightarrow X$  of X. Define  $\Omega^0_M(X) = X$ , and  $\Omega^i_M(X) = \Omega_M(\Omega^{i-1}_M(X))$  for  $i \geq 1$ . Define  $\operatorname{rel.dim}_M X$  to be the minimal non-negative integer d such that  $\Omega^d_M(X) \in \operatorname{add}(M)$ , or  $\infty$  if otherwise. The following fact is well known.

**Lemma 6.2.** (M. Auslander) Let M be an A-module with  $\Gamma = (\operatorname{End}_A(M))^{op}$ . Then for each A-module X we have  $\operatorname{proj.dim}_{\Gamma}\operatorname{Hom}_A(M,X) \leq \operatorname{rel.dim}_M X$ . Furthermore, if M is a generator, then equality holds.

For an A-module T, denote by  $\mathcal{X}_T$  the full subcategory of A-mod given by  $\{X \mid \exists \text{ an exact sequence } 0 \to X \to T_0 \xrightarrow{d_0} T_1 \xrightarrow{d_1} \cdots, \text{ with } T_i \in \text{add}(T), \text{ Ker } d_i \in {}^{\perp}T, \forall i \geq 0\}.$  Not that  $\mathcal{X}_T \subseteq {}^{\perp}T$ , and  $\mathcal{X}_T = {}^{\perp}T$  if T is a cotilting module ([AR, Theorem 5.4(b)]).

**Lemma 6.3.** Let M be an A-generator with  $\Gamma = (\operatorname{End}_A(M))^{op}$ , and  $T \in \operatorname{add}(M)$ . Then for each A-module  $X \in \mathcal{X}_T$  and  $X \notin \operatorname{add}(T)$ , there is a  $\Gamma$ -module Y such that  $\operatorname{proj.dim}_{\Gamma}Y = 2 + \operatorname{proj.dim}_{\Gamma}\operatorname{Hom}_A(M,X)$ .

**Proof.** This is well-known. For completeness we include a proof. By  $X \in \mathcal{X}_T$  there is an exact sequence  $0 \to X \xrightarrow{u} T_0 \xrightarrow{v} T_1$  with  $T_0$ ,  $T_1 \in \operatorname{add}(T) \subseteq \operatorname{add}(M)$ . This yields an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \operatorname{Hom}_A(M,X) \xrightarrow{u_*} \operatorname{Hom}_A(M,T_0) \xrightarrow{v_*} \operatorname{Hom}_A(M,T_1) \longrightarrow \operatorname{Coker} v_* \longrightarrow 0.$$

Note the image of  $v_*$  is not projective (otherwise,  $u_*$  splits, then we have an A-map  $u': T_0 \longrightarrow X$  such that  $\operatorname{Hom}_A(M, u'u) = \operatorname{Hom}_A(M, \operatorname{Id}_X)$ . Since M is an A-generator, we then get  $u'u = \operatorname{Id}_X$ . This contradicts with  $X \in \operatorname{add}(T)$ ). Putting  $Y = \operatorname{Coker} v_*$ , we have  $\operatorname{proj.dim}_{\Gamma} Y = 2 + \operatorname{proj.dim}_{\Gamma} \operatorname{Hom}_A(M, X)$ .

6.3. **Proof of Theorem 6.1.** This is same as [Z, 5.3]. For completeness we include a proof.

Assume that  $\operatorname{Mon}(Q,A)$  is of finite type. Then there is a  $\Lambda$ -module M such that  $\operatorname{Mon}(Q,A) = \operatorname{add}(M)$ . Since  $kQ \otimes_k D(A_A) \in \operatorname{Mon}(Q,A)$ , and  $\operatorname{Mon}(Q,A)$  contains all the projective  $\Lambda$ -modules, by definition M is a generator and relative cogenerator of  $\operatorname{Mon}(Q,A)$ . Put  $\Gamma = (\operatorname{End}_A(M))^{op}$ . For every  $\Gamma$ -module Y, take a projective presentation  $\operatorname{Hom}_{\Lambda}(M,M_1) \xrightarrow{f_*} \operatorname{Hom}_{\Lambda}(M,M_0) \to Y \to 0$  of Y, where  $M_1,M_0 \in \operatorname{add}(M)$ , and  $f:M_1 \to M_0$  is a  $\Lambda$ -map. Since inj.dim $(kQ \otimes D(A_A)) = 1$  (Lemma 2.3) and  $M_1 \in \operatorname{Mon}(Q,A) = {}^{\perp}(kQ \otimes D(A_A))$  (Proposition 3.4), it follows that  $\operatorname{Ker} f \in {}^{\perp}(kQ \otimes D(A_A)) = \operatorname{add}(M)$ . Thus

$$0 \to \operatorname{Hom}_{\Lambda}(M, \operatorname{Ker} f) \to \operatorname{Hom}_{\Lambda}(M, M_1) \to \operatorname{Hom}_{\Lambda}(M, M_0) \to Y \to 0$$

is a projective resolution of  $\Gamma$ -module of Y, i.e.,  $\operatorname{proj.dim}_{\Gamma}Y \leq 2$ . This proves  $\operatorname{gl.dim}_{\Gamma}Y \leq 2$ , and hence  $\operatorname{gl.dim}\operatorname{End}_{\Lambda}(M) = \operatorname{gl.dim}\Gamma \leq 2$ .

Conversely, assume that there is a generator and relative cogenerator M of  $\operatorname{Mon}(Q,A)$  such that  $\operatorname{gl.dim}\operatorname{End}_{\Lambda}(M)\leq 2$ . Put  $\Gamma=(\operatorname{End}_A(M))^{op}$ . Then  $\operatorname{gl.dim}\Gamma\leq 2$ . We claim that  $\operatorname{add}(M)=\frac{1}{kQ}\otimes D(A_A)$ , and hence by Proposition 3.4  $\operatorname{Mon}(Q,A)=\frac{1}{kQ}\otimes D(A_A)=\operatorname{add}(M)$ , i.e.,  $\operatorname{Mon}(Q,A)$  is of finite type. In fact, since  $M\in\operatorname{Mon}(Q,A)=\frac{1}{kQ}\otimes D(A_A)$ , it follows that  $\operatorname{add}(M)\subseteq \frac{1}{kQ}\otimes D(A_A)$ . On the other hand, let  $X\in \frac{1}{kQ}\otimes D(A_A)$ . By Theorem 4.1  $kQ\otimes D(A_A)$  is a cotilting  $\Lambda$ -module, and hence  $\frac{1}{kQ}\otimes D(A_A)=\mathcal{X}_{kQ\otimes D(A_A)}$ , by [AR, Theorem 5.4(b)]. We divide into two cases. If  $X\in\operatorname{add}(kQ\otimes D(A_A))$ , then  $X\in\operatorname{add}(M)$  since by assumption  $kQ\otimes D(A_A)\in\operatorname{add}(M)$ . If  $X\not\in\operatorname{add}(kQ\otimes D(A_A))$ , then by Lemma 6.3 there is a  $\Gamma$ -module Y such that  $\operatorname{proj.dim}_{\Gamma}Y=2+\operatorname{proj.dim}_{\Gamma}\operatorname{Hom}_{\Lambda}(M,X)$ . Now by Lemma 6.2 we have

$$\operatorname{rel.dim}_{M}X = \operatorname{proj.dim}_{\Gamma}\operatorname{Hom}_{\Lambda}(M,X) = \operatorname{proj.dim}_{\Gamma}Y - 2 \leq 0,$$

this means  $X \in add(M)$ . This proves the claim and hence completes the proof.

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